

Agricultural Report

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STAYING AHEAD OF ANIMAL DISEASE: LOOK, REPORT & PROTECT

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If you own animals or birds of any kind, you are an essential partner in early animal disease discovery, reporting, and disease control.

Your daily observations during feeding and caring of your animals provide you with a baseline of information about what is “normal” for your farm or operation.

If you add a system of good written records to keep the information handy and accurate, there is the added bonus of having a reference point on how well the animals are performing and a measure of how well you are doing financially each year.

Written records provide factual information that can be used to compare events over time. In breeding herds or flocks, genetic selection is documented from generation to generation. Actual improvement is detailed (i.e., weight gain, feed efficiency, egg production, etc.) and not just a perceived notion relying on someone’s memory.

Records can be as simple as a calendar with notes jotted down each day or as advanced as an electronic computer system, scanning and recording animal identification and performance data automatically.

When a disease event occurs, good records provide essential information needed to complete an investigative history for you, your veterinarian, the diagnostic laboratory personnel, and the State Veterinarian.

A detailed history about the source of the animals; vaccinations used; nutrition supplied; and the on-and-off-property movement of animals, humans, and equipment; etc.; can supply clues about the disease or problem that is occurring, which narrows the possibilities, costs, and time for diagnosis and development of a treatment plan.

Recognizing there is a problem is the first step. The next step is knowing who to call for help.

Having a local veterinarian familiar with your herd or flock is a great asset, especially if a relation-

ship is developed before an emergency. The veterinarian will have more time to be familiar with you and your animals during a routine visit than in the middle of a crisis.

If you have a veterinarian listed when dead animals are submitted to the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, the information is shared with the veterinarian and he or she can assist you with dealing with the problem.

If you participated in the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg)’s Salmonella pullorum/typhoid serological surveillance testing program, the subsidized Avian Influenza surveillance testing program, or the subsidized diagnostic necropsy services, you can request those reports be shared and discussed with your attending veterinarian.

Veterinarians play an important role in animal disease surveillance and in reporting reportable diseases and high mortality and morbidity events. With each appointment and farm visit, veterinarians deal with the challenge of diagnosing and treating a disease or condition affecting the health and well-being of an animal or group of animals along with dealing with their owner’s emotional and/or financial well-being.

No matter what the species, large or small, disease is the common threat to all.

A “new” or foreign disease can devastate the individual,

kennel, herd, or population. We are fortunate in Connecticut to be free of a number of economically important, and public health significant, animal diseases (i.e., Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, and Avian Influenza) that burden other states and countries.

The control and eradication of these diseases was not easy or inexpensive. It required funds, diligence, time, and cooperation by all parties to be successful.

Active and passive surveillance for disease involves owners, veterinarians, state and federal animal



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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.23	1.43
LARGE	1.17	1.31
MEDIUM	1.01	1.14

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.77	1.89
LARGE	1.69	1.79
MEDIUM	1.27	1.39
SMALL	.86	.96

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Choice 2-3	102.00	103.00
Select 1-2	96.00	101.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/Prime 3-4	83.00	87.50
Choice 2-3	78.00	82.50
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	106.00	109.00
Choice 2-3	104.00	105.50
Select 2-3	97.00	102.50
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 90-124 lbs	60.00	75.00
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	42.50	48.50
boners 80-85% lean	43.00	47.00
lean 88-90% lean	33.00	38.50
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-110 lbs	150.00	175.00
110-130 lbs	140.00	155.00
130-150 lbs	135.00	145.00
150-200 lbs	125.00	130.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	80.00	105.00
120-160 lbs	70.00	97.00
160-200 lbs	70.00	90.00
200-300 lbs	70.00	90.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
40-60 lbs	135.00	160.00
60-80 lbs	170.00	190.00
80-100 lbs	180.00	210.00
100-120 lbs	215.00	220.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	175.00	200.00
130-180 lbs	190.00	230.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	230.00	260.00
150-250 lbs	320.00	410.00
SLAUGHTER WETHERS: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	270.00	300.00
150-250 bs	325.00	425.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS			
52-56	200-300 lbs	50.00	64.00
	300-350 lbs	51.00	59.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	38.00	52.00
	300-350 lbs	43.00	51.00
	350-400 lbs	35.00	40.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	300-500 lbs	32.00	40.00
	500-750 lbs	34.50	43.00
Boars			
	450-750 lbs	5.00	7.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
APPLE, CRTLND, XFCY, 80	30.00	31.00
APPLE, CRTLND, XFCY, 88	30.00	31.00
APPLE, CRTLND, NG, LOOSE	18.00	18.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, XFCY, 80	65.00	65.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, XFCY, 88	65.00	65.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, FCY, 64	35.00	35.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, FCY, 72	35.00	35.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, NG, LOOSE	45.00	45.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 80	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 88	29.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 100	26.00	26.00
APPLE, MAC, 125, #1	17.00	18.00
APPLE, MAC, 138, #1	17.00	18.00
APPLE, MAC, NG, LOOSE	18.00	18.00
APPLE, MACOUN, XFCY, 80	38.00	38.00
APPLE, RED DEL, XFCY, 100	19.00	19.00
APPLE, RED DEL, XFCY, 125	19.00	19.00
APPLE, RED DEL, XFCY, 138	19.00	19.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEETS, RED, BNCHD, 12	16.00	20.00
BEETS, RED, M-L, 25 LBS	8.00	10.00
BEETS, CHIOGGA, BNCHD, 12	14.00	18.00
BEETS, GOLD, BNCHD, 12	14.00	16.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	19.00	19.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	21.00	21.00
POTATO, RDWHT, SZA, 10LBSACK	1.75	1.75
POTATO, RNDWT, #1, 50 LB, CHEF	13.00	15.00
POTATO, RUSSET, #1, 50 LB, 60	16.00	18.00
POTATO, RUSSET, #1, 50 LB, 70	16.00	18.00
POTATO, RUSSET, #1, 50 LB, 80	16.00	18.00
POTATO, RUSSET, #1, 50 LB, 90	16.00	18.00
POTATO, RUSSET, #1, 50 LB, 100	16.00	18.00
POTATO, YEL, 50 LB, CHEF	17.00	18.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, 1/2 BU	20.00	25.00
SQUASH, ACORN, 1-1/9, M-L	15.00	18.00
SQUASH, BUTTERCUP, 1-1/9, M-L	16.00	18.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9, M-L	15.00	16.00
SQUASH, DELICATA, 1-1/9, L	16.00	16.00
SQUASH, BLUE HUB, 1-1/9, L	20.00	20.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, 1-1/9, M-L	17.00	18.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1-1/9, M-L	16.00	16.00

SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

CABBAGE, NJ, 50 LB, M	22.00	25.00
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CABBAGE, RED, NY, 50 LB, M-L	20.00	22.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, NJ, 50 LB, M-L	16.00	18.00
CARROTS, CA, BUNCHED, 24	22.00	23.00
CAULIFLOWER, CA, FILM, 12	40.00	44.00
CUKE, LNG SDL, CD, GHS, CTN	15.00	18.00
ENDIVE, NJ, 24	18.00	24.00
ESCAROLE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24	26.00	30.00
LETTCE, BOSTON, GHS, CD, 12-4OZ	16.00	17.00
MACHE, GHS, PA, 3 LBS	12.00	13.00
RUTABAGAS, CD, 50 LB	20.00	21.00
SPINACH, FLAT, NJ, BNCHD, 24	30.00	34.00
SWEET POTATO, NC, 40 LB	24.00	24.00
WINTERCRESS, PA, GHS, 2.2 LB	13.00	16.00

EAST COAST CUT FLOWERS

Price Range. Per unit. Long stem unless noted.

SUNFLOWER, NENG, 5/BNCH	7.50	8.50
SUNFLOWER, NENG, EACH	1.00	1.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - November 26, 2018

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	15.00	22.00
61-75 lbs.	24.00	30.00
76-90 lbs.	35.00	39.00
91-105 lbs.	45.00	50.00
106 lbs. & up	52.50	60.00
Farm Calves	up to	120.00
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	50.00	110.00
Feeder Heifers	75.00	120.00
Beef Heifers	65.00	92.00
Feeder Steers	85.00	117.50
Beef Steers	75.00	111.00
Feeder Bulls	73.00	107.50
Beef Bulls	53.00	85.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	20.00	60.00
Sheep each	25.00	105.00
Lambs each	50.00	250.00
Goats each	60.00	330.00
Kid Goats each	32.50	135.00
Canners	up to	44.00
Cutters	45.50	48.00
Utility Grade Cows	49.00	52.00
Rabbits each	4.00	16.00
Chickens each	3.50	20.00
Ducks each	3.00	8.00

PASTURE RAISED POULTRY

\$/lb or as marked. October 26.

WHOLESALE NEGOTIATED:

CHICKEN		
BREAST, B/I	6.99	15.45
BREAST, BNLS	9.95	20.73
LEG	4.75	9.99
THIGH	5.00	9.99
WINGS	4.25	6.75
GROUND	7.99	16.99
TURKEY		
BREAST	7.99	16.99
LEG	5.00	9.99
THIGH	5.00	9.99
WINGS	3.50	6.29
GROUND	7.99	18.99
EGGS		
JUMBO, DOZEN	5.00	6.00
LARGE, DOZEN	4.00	5.50
RETAIL:		
WHOLE CHICKEN	19.00	36.41
HALF CHICKEN	8.99	20.23
WHOLE TURKEY	62.91	200.00
CHICKEN:		
BREAST (BONE-IN)	7.99	14.49
BREAST (BONELESS)	7.00	17.99
LEG	4.15	10.99
THIGH	3.50	12.49
WINGS	2.50	10.99
GROUND	7.85	18.00
TURKEY:		
BREAST	8.49	15.99
LEG	7.49	14.99
THIGH	6.99	9.99
WINGS	4.99	5.99
GROUND	7.99	15.99
EGGS		
JUMBO, DOZEN	4.50	6.50
LARGE	4.50	6.00

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health officials, and diagnostic laboratories. Surveillance ensures freedom from eradicated diseases, early detection of new emerging diseases, and the resurgence of endemic diseases.

Section 22-26f(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes provides the State Veterinarian the authority to issue a list of reportable animal and avian diseases and reportable laboratory findings to veterinarians licensed in the state and to diagnostic laboratories that conduct tests on Connecticut animals and birds.

The Reportable Disease Record form and the list of Connecticut Reportable Diseases, which is a composite of state, federal, and international reportable disease lists, is available at www.ct.gov/doag/cwp/view.asp?a=1367&q=259102.

Many of the diseases listed are foreign or exotic to the U.S.—others are not. The U.S. is a member of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and is required to report outbreaks and the presence of each disease listed.

For more information on the U.S. status for each reportable disease go to https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/monitoring-and-surveillance/sa_nahss/status-reportable-disease-us.

Veterinarians should contact the State Veterinarian immediately at 860-713-2505 to report any instances of high morbidity, mortality, or vesicular-type diseases and any recognition or suspicion of a vesicular-type disease, or zoonotic diseases (i.e., Anthrax, Botulism, Brucellosis, Plague, Q Fever, Tularemia, Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis, and Viral Hemorrhagic Fever), which could be possible indicators of bioterrorism.

The attending veterinarian is responsible for notifying the State Veterinarian and providing information about the clinical case in a timely matter. Depending on the circumstances, the State Veterinarian may contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Assistant District Director (AD) for New England to assign a federal Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician to investigate and to collect additional samples.

Suspicious disease conditions that veterinarians should also quickly report to the State Veterinarian or AD are mucosal diseases, hemorrhagic septicemia, "abortion storms" of unknown etiology, central nervous system or undiagnosed encephalitic conditions, unusual numbers of acute deaths, severe respiratory conditions, pox or lumpy skin conditions, and unusual myiasis or acarasis (exotic flies, mites, ticks, etc.).

Practicing good biosecurity is the best protection for your animals to keep diseases out. If you have a disease outbreak occur, practicing good biosecurity is also the best way to prevent the disease from leaving your property in order to protect others with susceptible animals.

A number of articles and publications have been written about biosecurity and programs developed with biosecurity as the foundation for best management practices to keep animals healthy using commonsense practices to reduce the likelihood of introducing diseases into the animal environment.

For several years USDA's APHIS has promoted the Biosecurity for Birds program with the popular annual calendar and publications on Avian Influenza and Virulent Newcastle disease. These materials will be phased out this year and the new initiative called "Defend the Flock" will replace it. Information on this new USDA campaign can be found at www.aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth/defendtheflock.

A free live webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 2:30-3:30 p.m. to showcase the new campaign and the latest resources. If you are unable to attend, the webinar will be recorded and available for latter playback.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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HAACP FOR MEAT AND POULTRY PROCESSORS COURSE

The University of Connecticut (UConn) will host a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) course for meat and poultry processors on January 15-17, 2019 at the Nathan Hale Inn, Manchester Room, 855 Bolton Road, Storrs, CT 06268.

Both the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) and the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have regulatory programs that require food processors to attend training in order to comply with the regulations. University of Connecticut Extension provides courses to meat and poultry processors, seafood processors, and those that need to comply with the Preventive Controls for Human Foods Rule of the Food Safety Modernization Act.

This three-day International HACCP Alliance approved Meat and Poultry HACCP course will provide participants with the information they need to prepare a HACCP food safety program and plan for a plant under USDA/FSIS Grant of Inspection. The cost of registration is \$400 per person and covers program costs, parking, continental breakfast, breaks, and lunch. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Registration materials must be received by January 7, 2019. There will be no refunds after January 7, 2019.

To register online, go to www.cahnrcconference.uconn.edu and click on HACCP for Meat and Poultry Processors, under the Online Registrations menu. To register by mail, or for additional information regarding the program, contact Diane Wright Hirsch at (203) 407-3163 or diane.hirsch@uconn.edu.

This course is sponsored by the UConn College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension in cooperation with the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension and the University of Massachusetts Extension.

NEW CONNECTICUT FARMER ALLIANCE BUILD YOUR NETWORK GROW OUR FUTURE CONFERENCE

The New Connecticut Farmer Alliance is hosting a Build Your Network Grow Our Future conference on December 7, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Auer Farm, 158 Auer Farm Rd, Bloomfield, CT.

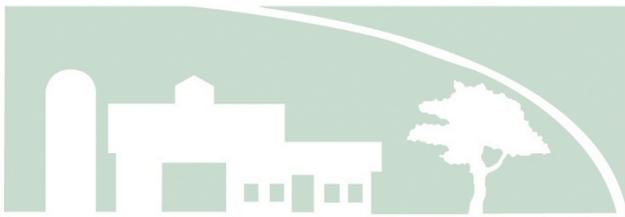
This all-day educational and networking event is for farmers in their first 1-10 years of farming. The event will include workshops regarding land access, farmers' markets, and advocacy. There will be farmer panels and service providers from across Connecticut. Lunch and a light breakfast will be provided. The event is free but registration is required by December 2, 2018. To register visit <http://newctfarmers.com/byngof>.

HOLIDAY AND WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

Winter farmers' markets are opening across the state this month, giving growers and consumers a chance to extend the season, indoors. A list of 2018/2019 winter farmers' markets is available on the DoAg website at www.ct.gov/doag.

Farmers' markets interested in being included on the list of 2018/2019 winter farmers' markets should contact Jaime Smith at Jaime.Smith@ct.gov.

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